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SOME SHORT REMARKS

Upon Mr. *James Holloway* his
Confession and Narrative,

Agreeing in the Principal Circumstances of that
Hellish Conspiracy with Mr. *Zeale* his Narrative of the *Phanatical*
Plot, given in several Months Before the Grand Discovery thereof.

That there has been a Bloody and Hellish *Conspiracy* carrying on for several years against the Life of his most Sacred Majesty and his Royal Brother to raise an Insurrection, and subvert the Government as by Law Establish'd; nothing is more evident, being own'd by the Principal promoters of it, and confirm'd by all who have suffer'd for the same: That these Designs were carrying on through all parts of *England* is certain; but that they fail'd of their intended Execution: *Holloway* tells you, *Was because of some Disappointments*, which Disappointments *Zeale* tells you plainly in his *Narrative*, pag. 28, and 29.

'Tis true the game was first started by *Oates* at the Court, but the Beagles being nurs'd up, and flush'd in the City, run counter to the point, and followed the scent of the *Guiney Pigs*

Thus *Otes*'s discovery at first was the preservation of his Majesties Person, when afterwards we find he show'd all his care and diligence in preserving his most malicious Enemies, as appears on the Tryal of *Colledge* at *Oxford*, for whom he was so zealous, that he quarrell'd with those who would not Confront the Evidence right or wrong, as appears in *Zeale's Narrative* pag. 21, 22. Where *Otes* and *Hetherington* coming to *Zeale* at the Tryal, asked him, *How it went*; *Zeale* said, *He thought it wou'd go hard with the Prisoner if no body confronted Mr. Turberville's Evidence*; at which they ask'd him, *why He had not done it*; He answer'd, *Would you have me Accuse a person whom I know no ill of*; Yes, said *Otes*, *where a man's life is concern'd*. *Zeale* reply'd, *If it be your Principle it is not mine, therefore you may do it when you are call'd in*; He told him, *so he would to some purpose*; and so he did with all his vigour, endeavouring the preservation of so Notorious a Traytor, who had so publicly before accus'd the Innocent.

Now the cause of this great Busle in saving the Protestant Joyner, *Everard* tells you in *Zeale's Narrative* pag. 21. where says *Everard*, *If we can but clear him, our business will be as good as done against the Court Party*.

The same Industry and zeal was exprest on his return, to get that Arch Traytor *Shaftsbury* acquitted, which happen'd to their desires, having *Sheriffs* and a *Jury* pick'd out to their purpose: But on the Execution of *Colledge*, and choosing Mr. *North*, and Mr. *Rich* *Sheriffs* the *Mid-summer* following, struck them into such a Consternation, that it wastime to leave off shedding Innocent Blood, and mind their own Preservation, as *Holloway* tells us in his *Narrative*, p. 2d. *And having soon considered of a Method, waited in expectation of further Advice, but none came till November, when they heard some disappointment happening, they were forced to delay it*. How those Disappointments happen'd, appears in *Zeale's Narrative* pag. 27. and 28. where he says, *One William Lewis endeavoured to perswade him to Print and Publish several Scandalous Papers against the Government, on purpose to encourage the People to a Rebellion; saying, He would get 'em published*

published before *Queen Elizabeths Birth-day*, at which time the Pope was to be Burnt, and there would be at least forty thousand People together that Night, and he would Incense them what he could to breed a Mutiny; and if the People did but rise in the City, the Country would soon come in to their Assistance. He also was very Important with Zeale to go into the West of England (it being his Native Country) on purpose to Incense the Factioned sort of People against the Kings Proceedings, saying, he would go into Wales and do the like there; In order to which Zeal was to have been supplied with Moneys: And about the beginning of October 1682. Lewis told him; He came from Sir Robert Clayton and other Eminent Citizens, who much encouraged him in the business, (as he said:) But Zeal finding those things to be of dangerous consequence, was resolved not to conceal them, and thereupon made a Discovery of the same to one of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Middlesex: In confirmation whereof, I have Inserted the Certificate.

I Do certify that Mr. John Zeale gave in his Information to me against William Lewis above twelve Months since: And that the said Zeale brought to me in January last an Order of Council for the Prosecution of the said Lewis, which was accordingly obeyed; and upon the ninth day of May last, the said Lewis was Tried and Convicted. Given under my Hand this one and twentieth day of November Anno Dom. 1683.

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He communicated the same to Superior Authority, which was a Chief Cause of all these Disappointments. For 'tis well known in the same year, the Burning of the Pope was prevented, and consequently the Rebellion, by the great Care and Diligence of the then Lord Mayor, and the strong Guards which were at that time in Arms in the City, which was the disappointment mention'd by Mr. Holloway. And at the same time there were several Fellows committed to New-Prison for appearing in a Riotous manner, and making Parties in the Streets, and elsewhere crying out a *Monmouth, Monmouth*, &c.

Some time after their Designs began to come on afresh, as appears by *Holloways Narrative pag. 4th*. We went to Mr. West, and discoursed him fully about the Contents of his Letters, who told us, They were resolv'd to Kill the King and Duke as they came from Newmarket; in order to which he had provided Arms for fifty men, Pistols, Carbines, and Blunderbusses, and that they were promised the House of Rumbold a Maultster, which lay in the Road, and the King must come by his Door, there the men should have been Lodg'd: And this project failing as well as the rest, exasperated the Conspirators mightily; insomuch, that in the same Narrative pag. 5th. Rumsey said, If he knew how to get at the Head of 1000. men, he would begin presently, and desired they might meet the next night, and consider of things. But all their Consultations and Resolves still met with Disappointments: Some being for the *Lopping Business*, others for the *Insurrection*, in which also they met with several Disappointments; some having it to begin in the City, others in the Country, others in both; some laying it on the want of Money to carry it on, others on the Negligence and Sloath of the Principal Managers. This was it which was meant by Mr. West, *Their still meeting with delays, and bringing their business to no conclusion*, pag. 4th. of *Holloways Narrative*. His Writing to Wade in Bristol by the Name of *Ingleston*, his gathering his Clients together, and the day appointed for their Sealing, which he told him in the next Letter, Was again put off.

This is evident they all agreed it shou'd be done, but differed in the Circumstance of Time, Place and Manner: That Providence which preserves His Sacred Majesty, preventing their Stratagems, and defeating their Devices.

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